

Connectivity Act (Roll no. 367), I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF FRANCISCO (FRANK)  
"PANCHO" RIOS

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Francisco (Frank) "Pancho" Rios, an Angeleno, a veteran, an immigrant, and a man who lived a rich life full of love and service. With his passing on the evening of July 17, 2018, his loss is being mourned by family, friends, and others who knew him.

Francisco Rios was born in 1930 in the small town of Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, Mexico, and he resided in Mexico until 1952 when he left to attain his piece of the American Dream. He married his wife Paula Vega in 1954, and together they settled in Fresno, California, before ultimately making their home in Los Angeles.

Francisco decided to serve his adopted home, enlisting in the U.S. Army, where he served on active duty from 1955 to 1957, and received an honorable discharge on June 30, 1963. For three decades, he also dedicated himself to serving Los Angeles County residents, working to maintain roadways for the Department of Public Works.

Known affectionately as "Nino" and Uncle Frank, Francisco became an avid traveler, venturing to Africa, the Middle East, Western Europe, and his favorite destination, Las Vegas. He fondly recounted many of his travels, including his spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and to Vatican City. An Angeleno through and through, he was everyone's favorite tour guide of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, regularly exposing out-of-town family visitors to the diversity of the region's sights and attractions.

While Francisco and his wife Paula did not have children together, they were an affectionate presence in the lives of their nieces and nephews, to whom they showed love, wisdom, kindness, and unwavering and unconditional support. The latest of these was Kaila Vega, daughter of Amador Vega.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Francisco Rios. He leaves behind a rich legacy of love, patience, warmth, affection, strength, and wisdom that will be deeply missed by his loved ones. He is preceded in death by his parents Francisco and Soledad and his wife Paula, and he is survived by siblings, many nieces and nephews, and godchildren, who will deeply miss and cherish the memory of their "Nino" and Uncle Frank.

HONORING CARL CHILTON'S 95TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of Mr. Carl Chilton,

who is a proud graduate of Port Isabel High School and Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville. In 1942, Mr. Chilton enlisted in the Army Air Corps, earning his wings when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1944. Texas and the United States are forever grateful for his service and leadership throughout his 13 missions in France and other parts of the world.

After serving in the military, Mr. Chilton majored in accounting at the the University of Texas at Austin. His classroom and leadership experience led him to become a teacher at Brownsville Junior College, where he taught introductory business.

A man of family, service, and faith, Mr. Chilton is a member of the First United Methodist Church and an active community resident. A former contributor to our district local news outlet The Brownsville Herald and past president of the Brownsville Tennis Club, Mr. Chilton exemplifies the best of South Texas. He has been a loyal member of the Rotary Club for 53 years, served as president and chairman of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and was president of the Valley Zoological Society.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to honor and celebrate Carl Chilton's 95th birthday. I ask my colleagues to join me and Mr. Chilton's family and friends in wishing him well on this special occasion. Mr. Chilton's devotion to his family and community make him a great role model for the people of Brownsville Texas, and I am very proud to be his Representative.

HONORING BEN HARDEMAN OF  
BRYAN TEXAS

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ben Hardeman, a resident of Bryan, Texas, and the 2018 recipient of the Outstanding Individual Contribution award from the League of Historic American Theatres, a national organization.

In 2010, Ben was chairman of the Downtown Bryan Association and heard that the abandoned Queen Theatre was put up for sale. The structure was built in 1885, and first served as a hotel and boarding house. By 1913, silent films were being shown and by 1939 the building was completely redone and included "chilled air", something of a novelty in that era. The Queen continued to thrive until the late 1970s when the building was shuttered. By the time the Association purchased the building, it had been abandoned for 40 years. The theatre had a hole in the roof, pigeons in the rafters, and rotting wood.

Ben brought the idea of the purchasing and restoring the Queen to the Downtown Bryan Association's Board of Trustees. They approved the purchase and began raising money for a down payment. Just shy of reaching the required amount, Ben paid the rest of the money personally.

Ben spearheaded the restoration of the building, aiming to make it a truly community effort. The Association began collecting donations and within a few weeks, they raised \$30,000 in pledges. Work quickly began on

gutting the theatre with Ben and several other Bryan residents assisting with the demolition and clean-up.

By 2011, the theatre's Art Deco facade was restored with Ben often seen doing much of the physical labor. Between 2013 and the Queen's re-opening on May 4, 2018, Ben and the Association made plans to restore the theatre's interior and began fund raising efforts for this purpose.

Ben spearheaded much of the effort, obtaining labor and material donations, and even designing the handrails inside the building.

Since its re-opening, the Queen now serves as a single-screen movie theatre, performance venue, and, it also houses the Downtown Bryan Association and visitor's center.

Thanks to Ben Hardeman's vision, the work of the Downtown Bryan Association and many volunteers who donated time, money, and resources, the Queen Theatre is once again a place for the community to gather and enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Ben Hardeman on receiving the Outstanding Individual Contribution award and recognize all the work done to restore the historic Queen Theatre in Bryan, Texas.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the United States Capitol to honor Be Hardeman and the Queen Theatre.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING THE 70TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF LIFETRACK

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lifetrack on 70 years of providing high quality supportive services to some of the most vulnerable residents of Saint Paul, Minnesota and surrounding communities. Throughout decades of adaptations, Lifetrack remains constant in serving those in need, and empowering families to thrive through challenges.

In 1948, injured veterans returning from WWII and families ravaged by the polio epidemic faced major obstacles. Lifetrack was born as a collaboration of social services agencies that embarked on a mission to provide speech, physical, and occupational therapies to these adults and children. Later, the organization launched vocational programs that aimed to prepare people for life and work after their rehabilitation. Services have continued to expand to assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness and new refugees. Lifetrack also now provides services to families of highly stressed and deaf and hard-of-hearing children to help them build social, emotional and life skills that can carry them through their lives.

When individuals and families face adversity, a network of support is critical to resiliency. For the most vulnerable in our community, that support is not always available. Lifetrack strengthens our community by empowering families and forging connections.

Staff and volunteers make it their mission to help individuals build their own support systems and by connecting them to services both within and outside the organization. All of us benefit when individuals and families have the tools to reach their full potential.

For 70 years Lifetrack has worked to help the most vulnerable achieve better lives by building resilience, breaking cycles of trauma and hardship, and providing therapies that make working and living a comfortable life more attainable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the staff, volunteers, board of Lifetrack on seven decades of remarkable service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. W.  
TAYLOR REVELEY, III

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. W. Taylor Reveley, III's service as the 27th President of the College of William and Mary and former Dean of the William and Mary Law School. Mr. Reveley will be retiring from his post as President of the College after serving in that capacity since 2008.

Before his time at the College of William and Mary, Mr. Reveley graduated from Princeton University in 1968 and later received his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1968. Mr. Reveley went on to have an impressive career as a lawyer, clerking for Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court, and serving as a managing partner at the Hunton and Williams Law Firm. After a successful legal career, Mr. Reveley joined the College of William and Mary in 1998, serving as Dean of the Law School for 10 years before being named President in 2008.

Since joining as President in 2008, the College of William and Mary has had tremendous success under President Reveley. During his tenure, the campus has experienced large-scale expansions and renovations to its buildings and facilities. President Reveley was also responsible for updating and revising the undergraduate curriculum for the first time in over 20 years with the innovative College (COLL) Curriculum. Some of his focuses as President revolved around diversity and inclusion efforts, sexual assault and violence response and prevention, and mental health and wellness programs across campus. Alumni engagements and philanthropic efforts reached all-time highs thanks to President Reveley, who adopted a new and innovative financial model to increase funding to the College.

President Reveley is heavily involved in numerous educational, cultural, and religious organizations, and has served on various boards throughout the community. Though President Reveley is retiring, I am confident he and his wife, Helen, will have plenty to do with all of their philanthropic work and three grandchildren whom they will be spending more time with. I know I speak for not only folks in academia, but Virginia as a whole, when I say that President Reveley and his contributions will be sorely missed. He will certainly leave an indelible mark on the College of William and Mary that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Mr. Reveley for his great leadership and honoring his accomplishments he achieved as the 27th President of the College of William and Mary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE RUSSELL**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable travel delays, I was not able to be present for the first vote in the vote series yesterday evening. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 365.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, my flight was delayed due to weather. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366, and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

HONORING THE UIL 3A STATE  
CHAMPIONS SANTA GERTRUDIS  
ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Gertrudis Academy softball team for winning the UIL 3A State Softball Championship this year. After making appearances at the state tournament in 2016 and 2017, the Lady Lions of Santa Gertrudis Academy left with a championship title.

At the state championship match, the team claimed the title with an impressive 8-3 win. This title-clinching victory cemented an outstanding 38-1 overall record for the Lady Lions of Santa Gertrudis Academy. Saidi Castillo pitched a perfect game in the semifinal against Brock High School and then held Hughes Springs High School to three runs on seven hits in the final championship game. Saidi Castillo's stellar performance on the field led her to be named "Most Valuable Player" of the season.

Members of the state championship team were Sara Benavides, Alana Benitez, Breana Carr, Saidi Castillo, Ariana De La Paz, Carissa De Los Santos, Jackie De Los Santos, Jackie Garza, Alyssa Gonzalez, Elleanna Longoria, Arianna Lopez, Yadira Lopez, Sarah Obregon, Alyssa Robles, Ali Salinas, and Kennedy Silva. Thomas De Los Santos coached the winning team, along with assistant coaches Matt Gonzalez, Amy Perez and Bianca Rocha.

On behalf of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, I extend my congratulations to the Santa Gertrudis Academy softball team and their coaches for winning the UIL 3A State Softball Championship. We are very proud of their accomplishments this year and look for-

ward to the Lady Lions' next championship season.

CONGRATULATING COUNCILMEMBER  
NANCY WELTON OF HURST,  
TEXAS ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant from my district, Councilmember Nancy Welton of Hurst, Texas, who is retiring after 14 years of service on the Hurst City Council.

While Nancy has served as a councilmember for the last 14 years, her commitment to her community began well before then. As a resident of Hurst for over 33 years, Nancy has shown a profound commitment to the children of Hurst and to their education. She has served as PTA President for both Shady Oaks Elementary and L.D. Bell High School, in addition to serving on the Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD School Board for 12 years.

Nancy's service as a councilmember has helped the city of Hurst experience redevelopment, revitalization, and economic prosperity through a number of initiatives and development projects, such as the Hurst Town Center, Hurst Conference Center, and Hurst Senior Center. The city has also expanded parks and recreation programs and championed customer service and staff development initiatives with the help of Nancy's leadership.

At the heart of these projects is a commitment to public safety and high quality of life for the nearly 40,000 residents of Hurst. In recognition of the City Council's efforts, the Texas City Manager's Association recognized the Hurst City Council as "Council of the Year" in both 2013 and 2014. For more than three decades, Nancy Welton has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to public service and community involvement.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Councilmember Nancy Welton for her extraordinary service and wishing her and her family the best in her retirement.

HONORING VERMONT'S WAYSIDE  
RESTAURANT ON ITS 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin, Vermont. This year marks the Wayside's 100th anniversary of serving up exceptional and affordable home-style food to customers from central Vermont and beyond.

A century ago, founder Effie Ballou first started serving soups, snacks and meals out of a shack straddling the border between Berlin and Montpelier. She prepared the food at her small house just up the hill.

Today, the Wayside—with a lot more seats than in 1918—is still serving up some of the